

A Veteran participating in training under the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Chapter 31) program that is also eligible for VA benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) may elect to receive a different monthly allowance than what is traditionally paid under Chapter 31 (Public Law 111-377, Section 205).

The following instructions may help you estimate the monthly allowance you could receive if you meet the criteria described above – Note: the cost of living adjustment for this rate of Chapter 31 subsistence allowance is effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**A. For training at a U.S. facility associated with a U.S. zip code:**

1. Identify the appropriate zip code where the Veteran is enrolled in training.
2. Go to the Department of Defense website:
  - <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm>
  - Enter year (“2014”), zip code of training facility and pay grade of “E-5”
  - Click “calculate”
3. Use rate for E-5 with dependents to determine the BAH full-time rate.
4. Multiply BAH full-time rate by the training time certified for the enrollment period as follows:
  - Full-time = BAH x 1.00
  - $\frac{3}{4}$  time = BAH x 0.75
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  time = BAH x 0.50

**B. For training at a facility in a U.S. Territory associated with a DOD location code:**

1. Identify the appropriate location code where the Veteran is enrolled in training at one of the United States Territories: American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, Philippines.
2. Go to the Department of Defense website:
  - <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/ohaCalc.cfm>
  - Identify the designated locality code for the Territory using the locality code query: <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/locCodeCalc.cfm>

### Location Code Query

A **Location Code** is required to compute the COLA and OHA. Please select a country from the list below to find the Location Code of a city. Make a note of it and enter in LC field below.

CHOOSE THE UPDATE PERIOD

YEAR:

2013

MONTH:

March

DAY:

1st

SELECT A COUNTRY

SELECT LOCATION BY NAME:

Virgin Islands (10/16/12 - Present)

FIND

- Enter year (“2014”), Month (“November”), Day (“15”), locality code of facility and Pay Grade (“E-5”) and Dependents (“Yes”)
- Click “calculate”

3. Use rate for E-5 with dependents to determine the OHA full-time rate.

4. Multiply OHA full-time rate by the training time certified for the enrollment period as follows:

- Full-time = OHA x 1.00
- $\frac{3}{4}$  time = OHA x 0.75
- $\frac{1}{2}$  time = OHA x 0.50